Creation of Daftary post in RRBs

*598. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised all sponsoring banks in 1992 to create posts of Daftary in RRBs as existing in rural branches of commercial banks;

(b) if so, whether the State Bank of India has failed to create the same in all branches like other sponsored banks, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Bank of India extended the cashier-in-charge allowance in RRBs at industry level like other commercial banks; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to rectify this contradictory stand in extending these two allowances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had advised in 1991 that the practice as prevalent in rural branches of sponsor banks may be allowed in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to pay special allowance to only one peon attached to a branch who has been doing work of Daftary including all types of work supposed to be done by a sub-staff.

(c) Yes, Sir. State Bank of India (SBI) has extended the cashier-in-charge allowance in RRBs at industry level like in other commercial banks as per instructions issued by NABARD.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a), (b) and (c) above.

VRS in Export Inspection Agency

*599. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Inspection Agency implemented Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in 1994 after an Internal Work Study (IWS);

(b) if so, the number of surplus staff as per IWS and total number of staff who opted VRS;